

The E-Rate program has allowed many small schools in our state to have internet access. The problem with just providing the access is that it takes equipment to get the broadband technologies to the ""digital classroom.""

We use digital learning to access distance classrooms, allow for personalized learning, provide online classes, meet Common Core State Standards, administer online assessments, make data-driven decisions, etc. However, Pontotoc Technology Center network is just keeping up with demand, and the need for a reliable high-speed network is only going to increase in the near future. I respectfully urge the FCC to increase funding for the E-Rate program to at least \$5 billion to meet this demand. All students need access to high-speed broadband. Our nation's future depends on their success.